

The Middletown Transcript

Transit Leave Middletown as follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.57, 9.30 and 10.27 a. m.;
1.14 and 6.28 p. m.
South Bound—1.14, 7.57, 9.30 and 10.27 a. m.;
3.30, 7.57 and 6.28 p. m.
Mails close as follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 5.30 p. m.,
6.25 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—10 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 8 p. m.
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.00 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APR. 2, 1904.

Local News.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.
A fine lot of small Cedar Posts for wire fence, \$12 per hundred.
G. E. HICKILL.
Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day.
JONES & BRADLEY.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

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FOR SALE.—1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to
C. P. COCHRAN APT.
Middletown, Del.

LAND LIME Agency for "Wrightsville," "Schuykill" and "High C," high grade Land Limes. Best prices.
G. E. HICKILL.

EGGS FOR SALE.—Rhoad Island Red—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers.
C. P. COCHRAN,
Middletown, Del.

We have a large stock of Easter Goods, Baskets and etc.
JONES & BRADLEY.

FOR SALE.—The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to
J. R. HOFFECKER,
Middletown, Del.

The many patrons of Bragdon & Co's, soda fountain will be delighted to learn that it will be opened for the season to-day.

FOR SALE.—Chestnut Fence Posts and Cord Wood. Apply to
N. J. WILLIAMS,
Middletown, Del.

Try our Butter Biscuits, 10 cents per pound, they have no equal.

JONES & BRADLEY.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandottes and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$5.00.
T. R. BRADSHAW,
Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

E. I. Alper, Eye Specialist, East Maine street, Middletown. Office hours 8.30 A. M., to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

We have a large stock of Easter Goods, Baskets and etc.
JONES & BRADLEY.

LOST.—On Saturday evening last on Lake street, a white and black Wolf Robe. The finder will receive a suitable reward by returning same to THIS OFFICE.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

Try our Butter Biscuits, 10 cents per dozen, they have no equal.

JONES & BRADLEY.

Mrs. Sara Staats, aged 71 years, died Saturday at her residence near Taylor's Bridge. Interment was made at Friendship Church, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Albert Chandler officiating.

Beginning to-day, Saturday, I will be prepared to furnish ice cream to the public, both at the store and delivered at your home. A trial order solicited.

C. S. MONTGOMERY,
Middletown, Del.

While riding her bicycle Wednesday afternoon, Edith, the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Anna Francis met with a painful accident by falling from her wheel and bruising one of her limbs, but fortunately no bones were broken and she will soon be home.

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Parties who removed their heavy clothing were glad to don the same Sunday and yesterday. The snow storm Sunday morning was a surprise, but the flakes melted as soon as they touched the ground.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 24th: Mrs. Martha Dale, Miss Malinda Hamilton, Mrs. Loly Jones, Mrs. Eliza Slynis, Arthur Cook, Joseph Engram, Wm. Gates, Theodore Hayes.

WANTED.—A man of sober habits and with fair knowledge of Cattle feeding to sell Mrs. Lea's Milk and Butter Purifier, and when necessary to go right on a farm and stay with the cattle to prove what this purifier can do. Good wages to right party. For further particulars apply at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

The young ladies of Middletown will give a leap year dance in the Opera House on April 7th, which promises to be a brilliant affair. A full orchestra will furnish music, and the affair will be managed by the ladies without the assistance of the gentlemen, who will dance when they are asked—not when they choose.

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The State Committee of the prohibition party of Delaware has called a State convention to be held in Wilmington, Tuesday, May 17th, at 10.30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to attend the National Prohibition Convention, which will meet at Indianapolis, Ind., on June 20th.

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day.
JONES & BRADLEY.

The Town Commissioners have informed tax collector Thomas E. Hurn, that the taxes due for the years 1901 and 1902 must be paid at once, and in another column of this issue they have a notice calling the attention of those who have failed to attend to this very important matter. The town is in need of money, and the Commissioners have decided to do all in their power to collect it. We are informed that there is due the town for the years 1901-02 more than \$3,000, and after April 10th all taxes not paid will be collected with costs in the manner provided by law.

Fruit growers declare peach buds in excellent condition, only the Reeves variety being slightly damaged, with prospects for a large crop, barring frosts.

Easter Sunday always falls on the Sunday next following the first full moon on or after the 21st of March. This year the full moon fell on Thursday, March 31st, the first full moon after the 21st—hence the first Sunday after March 31st will be on April 3d, and this will be Easter Sunday.

It will be well for those who have cured pork to examine it, as it is said that very much of the meat that was cured about the time the severe cold set in, has not taken salt, and although it has been smoked, it is likely to spoil unless resalted. The winter has been too cold for proper curing, it seems, and the warm, moist weather will soon spoil the meat hanging up that has not absorbed a sufficient amount of salt.

Fishermen and oystermen report hundreds of dead crabs on and along the shores of the rivers and bay. The crab during the winter season hibernates in the mud, and the same reason that has caused so many "weakens"—the want of a supply of air—has caused the death of so many crabs. These fishermen also report that many of the crabs found along the shores show signs of life, while the majority are actually lifeless. This condition of these shellfish was no doubt caused by the long and continued ice embargo, which deprived them of the necessary supply of air.

The local shad market is beginning to be well stocked now that the shad fishermen have started to operate in the Delaware river. At Port Penn and other points along the river the men are getting out their nets and some of them have succeeded in catching a few fish that are considered to be of a good quality and judging from them the fishermen expect the shad season to be successful. At Bombay Hook and in that vicinity shad are being brought in in large numbers and many rock fish and perch have been caught. The fishermen say that a few days of warm weather will start the shad up the river and then there will be plenty for everyone.

The local Y. W. C. T. U. gave a very enjoyable social at the Y's reading rooms on North Broad street Monday evening, and the 70 or more persons that attended spent a most enjoyable evening. Miss Reita Emerson delighted the members and invited guests with several recitations, while Master Taylor Barnett's phonograph selections were much enjoyed. In one corner of the room the gypsy fortune teller did a thriving business, and told many of the young people things that, to them, were indeed startling. If we are to believe what she told them the ministers of our town will all have good fat purses in the very near future, and the vacant houses in our town will be in demand. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served by the young ladies, which was much enjoyed. On next Monday evening the Y will hold their regular weekly social, and all members are requested to be present.

CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong Chapel on to-morrow, Sunday, afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. All cordially invited.

Special Easter services will be held in the First Presbyterian Church on to-morrow morning and evening. Special Easter music will be sung, and the pastor, the Rev. F. H. Moore, will preach sermons on appropriated themes. All cordially invited.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Our Victories Through Christ." 1 Cor. 15:50-58—Easter Meeting. Leader, William B. Kates.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of First Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Our Victories Through Christ." 1 Cor. 15:50-58 (Easter Meeting.) Leader, Miss Susie Ellison.

CHANGE IN A BANK

Thursday's Wilmington Morning News says: John H. Danby who has for several years been the cashier of Union National Bank in this city and lately its vice president also, yesterday resigned his position as cashier and was succeeded by J. Chester Gibson, who was recently assistant cashier of the institution.

"Mr. Danby will continue as vice president of the bank and will give time to its actual management in that position. Mr. Gibson is one of the best known young men in the city and has had large experience in the banking business. Lately he has been manager of the Merchant Guaranty Company, but it is understood that he will resign that position and devote his entire time to his new position as cashier of Union Bank." J. Chester Gibson is the eldest son of Mr. J. L. Gibson, cashier of the New Castle County National Bank, of Odessa, and his many friends in St. Georges hundred will learn with pleasure of his promotion.

SHALL PREACHERS BE ENTERTAINED?

As an outcome of the Dover meeting, the Wilmington Conference is considering the question as to whether each annual conference should be self-supporting, or whether the conference should continue, as heretofore, to be the guests of the towns where the sessions are held. A committee appointed to prepare plans for having the conference entertainment for itself, each year, presented its report at its session in Dover, recommending that each effective minister of the conference except those receiving a salary of less than \$600, pay his own way, and that the sessions be held in Wilmington each year. The whole matter was temporarily dropped, the conference deeming it wisest to continue as heretofore.

FARMERS' ATTENTION

We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

THE TRANSCRIPT \$1.00 per year.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Laura Gillis spent Sunday at her home near Wilmington.

Mrs. Joseph Mendinall and children, of Wilmington, are guests of her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran.

Mrs. J. C. Stites returned Saturday from a visit with Philadelphia friends.

Miss Ada Roberts spent last week in Wilmington.

Mr. Isaac Hallan, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

Mr. William Lingo, of Philadelphia, was in town several days this week.

Mrs. W. A. Comings has returned from a short sojourn at Atlantic City.

Miss Justine Peverley is the guest of her parents during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Frank Slack, of Wilmington, spent Friday with Mr. William B. Kates.

Mr. Edgar Boggs, of Cheswood, will spend Sunday with friends in town.

Benjamin Biggs is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Biggs, during the Easter holidays.

Miss Ella Burchard was the guest of relatives in Townsend over Sunday.

PARKER GUN SHOOT

The last shoot of the Middletown Shooting Association in the Parker gun contest will be held Thursday, April 7th. The rules of the shoot were that the contest should be a handicap so that each member should have an equal chance to win the prize.

The conditions of the contest adopted at this meeting are as follows:

1. The winner of the gun shall be the shooter who makes the highest general average in six (6) shoots.

2. Eight shooting days were named on which the gun may be contested for: January 1st, 14th and 28th, February 11th and 23d, March 10th and 24th and April 7th.

3. Each man shall shoot at 25 targets each day.

4. Best six (6) scores out of eight shooting days shall be taken in computing the general averages.

5. At least four (4) contestants must be present to hold a shoot for the gun.

6. If no shoot is held on a regular shoot day named above, the contestants who are present on the next regular shoot day shall elect an extra shoot day, when the postponed shoot shall be held.

The scores so far made are as follows:

Barnard.....19 18 16 22 13 18 20
E. E. Massey.....13 12 15 20 21 21 20
G. Massey.....20 15 19 11 19 16 21
S. E. Massey.....22 14 20 14 19 — 18
Burris.....14 16 21 13 21 16
Steele.....20 14 20 8 16 7 12
Duryea.....14 13 22 10 19 13 20
H. Pool.....17 — 17 12 15 12 12
Kates.....19 12 9 15 13 —
F. Pool.....12 12 — — 17 19
Stevens.....15 15 — 14 — —

The M. S. A., is in receipt of a new Winchester repeating trap gun. The conditions governing the contest for this gun will be arranged at its next meeting.

ANNUAL STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Delaware State Sunday School Association which is to be held in Laurel, Thursday and Friday, April 21st and 22d promises to be one of the longest and most interesting ever held in this state.

To this convention each Sunday School in the state is entitled to send one delegate, and all officers of the State and County Association are ex-officio members of the convention. There are four hundred schools in the state and the officers and delegates entitled to attend number about eighty. In addition to the regular delegates, there will probably be many visiting Sunday School workers.

The reports made to this convention will be more complete than ever before, and will show a decided advance along all lines of Sunday School work.

The program committee has placed the programs in the hands of the printers and it will shortly appear. It deals with many topics of great interest to all Sunday School workers, and the discussion of them should prove helpful to all who may attend.

All speakers have been selected to discuss the various topics.

DUNLAP MUST GO

Bishop Fitzgerald has declined to reconsider his appointment to Asbury Church. This means that the Rev. H. S. Dunlap will have to go to Asbury Church, near Crisfield, Md., and that the Rev. Dr. Baker will go to Wilmington.

J. Elmer Perry and J. R. Cummings, booted with resolutions of the official board of Asbury, a petition of 1000 names and no end of hope. They failed to find the bishop in New York. Thence they went to Newark, N. J., where Bishop Fitzgerald's mother and brother live, who informed them that the bishop had gone to Philadelphia for the day. Thereupon the Wilmington men wended their way to the railroad station and watched for the bishop. They made a surveillance of every passenger train that entered the station and at 5 o'clock the bishop appeared.

They talked the matter over and the bishop said:

"I don't see how I can make any adjustment other than I did. God bless you. May you have a good year."

FIFTH AND SIXTH DELAWARE PENSION

A hearing took place in Washington Monday before the Senate committee on pensions on the bill recently introduced by Senator L. H. Ball to establish the status of the survivors of the Fifth and Sixth Delaware Regiments during the Civil War and also the widows and orphans of men who were in those regiments. The interests of the people affected are being looked after by Attorney Dudley of Washington, who has had the matter in hand sometime and is fully equipped with data concerning the regiments, which he presented to the committee.

The action of Congress on this bill is awaited with a great deal of interest in Delaware, for if the bill should pass and become a law all of the survivors of those regiments and the widows and orphans of men who served therein will be entitled to the same consideration from Pension Bureau as is shown with respect to other regiments, and all survivors who are 62 years of age and over and all widows and orphans can secure pensions by virtue of the act of June 30th, 1897, and the recent executive ruling thereon.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Heston Atwell is visiting in Baltimore.

P. S. Daniels spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Ethelwynne Maloney spent Sunday at home.

W. H. Money was in Wilmington Monday.

Dr. T. A. Enos visited Philadelphia Monday.

Thomas Lattoms was in Wilmington Saturday.

Miss May Haymond visited Clayton this week.

Miss Daisy Wiggins visited Clayton Wednesday.

Homer Lily, of Newark, visited friends in town this week.

John Townsend, of Selbyville, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Kate Rawlins, of Clayton, visited Miss Daisy Wiggins this week.

Mrs. Samuel Watts has returned from a visit to her mother in Cecilton.

Mrs. Clarence Scott, of Middletown, spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Rev. F. F. Carpenter and wife, of Wilmington, visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Catherine Hutchinson pleasantly entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening.

Mrs. Harry Stradley is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Townsend, at Old Point Comfort.

S. S. Wilson, of Westminster, Md., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Walter Lee, an employee of the Jackson & Sharpe Co., Wilmington, is ill at the home of his mother near town.

Mr. Elmer Pritchard, of Philadelphia, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Pritchard.

Mrs. Daisy Collins has returned home, after spending sometime in New Castle with her sister, Mrs. William Leach.

Miss Anna Sharpless has been obliged to stop teaching a few days on account of throat trouble. She is spending the time at her home near Landenberg, Pa.

There will be a service of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Chapel to-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock. Afternoon services as usual, with sermon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, who was transferred from Townsend to Harrington at the recent session of the Wilmington Conference, left with his family on Thursday for his new field of labor.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. Gilbert Loveless is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Misses Elva and Florence Grant are visiting New York relatives.

Miss Willie Pemberton, of North Carolina, has been visiting Mrs. G. S. Wolley.

Mrs. Alexander Evans, Jr., of Elkton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Howard.

Mrs. Joseph Griffith and son, of Middletown, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Griffith.

Mrs. W. C. Karmner and Miss Elsie Karmner spent several days last week with Philadelphia friends.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. John Beiswanger on Friday last.

The Cecilton members of the Masonic Lodge here entertained the members of the Lodge last Tuesday evening at the Bohemia Avenue Hotel.

Mr. Guthrie, our popular young undertaker has moved to Avondale, Pa., and Mr. W. Coleman has secured the services of a Mr. Catlin, of Church Hill, Queen Anne's county.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Beaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beaton and Mr. Charles Reed, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Reed, both of this town, is announced to take place on Wednesday, April 6th.

Mrs. Bertha Prentiss, wife of John Prentiss, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sloyer Bouchelle on Saturday. Mrs. Prentiss had been an invalid for a number of months. She leaves one daughter. Her funeral was held on Tuesday.

Capt. Talbot Her died at his winter home in Philadelphia, on Wednesday afternoon of paralysis. He was his 84th year. He was in the employ of the Erie-son Line Company for about fifty years. His summer home is situated just at the edge of town and is known as "The Anchorage." The funeral was held at Bethel on Monday.

The Chesapeake City Base Ball Club's chances of a Remington hammerless gun, the scheme being as follows: Twenty five envelopes containing numbers from 1 to 25 are placed in a package, the drawer paying for a chance, the amount found in his envelope. His name is written on the envelope. After all the envelopes are sold the drawing will be done publicly.

The public and high schools celebrated Maryland Day on last Friday. The following was the program at the high school, singing, America, by the school; Keynote of American Liberty, Ernest Hallman, 4th year; Voyage of the Ark and the Dove, Emma Pense, 4th year; Barbara Freidther, Clarence Nowland, 3d year; History of Cecil County, Edna Kincaid, 2d year; Settlement of Maryland, Charles Schaefer, 1st year; Settlement at St. Mary's, Bennett Johnson, 2d year; Star Spangled Banner, by the school; A Record of Glory, Clark Barwick, 4th year; Sheridan's Ride, Mamie Bouchelle, 3d year; International Improvements, Margaret Johnson, 2d year; Early History of Maryland, Sylvia Townsend, 1st year; Other Counties of Maryland, Esther Banks, 2d year; Great Deeds Since 1776, Nannie Wright, 4th year; Singing by the school, Maryland, My Maryland.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLE.

Wheat—No. 2, \$1.00 Corn—
No. 2 79 Yellow, shelled 50
Timothy Seed \$2.65 "cob..... 54
Clover Seed 10 1/2c Oats..... 55

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz..... 14c/16
Country Butter, per lb..... 22c/30
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 23c/35
Lard, per lb..... 8c/11
Live Chickens, per lb..... 12c/13
Potatoes, per basket..... 45c/50

WARWICK

Miss Minnie L. Smith has been ill since Sunday with the la grippe.

Miss Helen Spear, of near Earlville, is the guest of Mrs. S. D. Wilson.

Dr. James S. Merritt, of Golts, was a brief visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Collee is on an extended visit with relatives in Galena and Locust Grove.

Jr. C. E. S. prayer meeting to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miss Lena King, leader.

The M. P. Choir met at the home of Miss Bessie W. Gunkle last Tuesday evening.

Miss Hyile Bolden, of near town, spent Wednesday with Miss Maude Simmons near town.

John Price who has been at the National Hotel, Middletown, Del., during the past winter, has returned home.

Mass to-morrow morning in St. Francis Xavier Church at the usual hour. Benediction and stations follow immediately after the sermon.

Mr. John H. M. Garner has about completed the store of Edward Jones on Main street. The building is 18x40, which will give ample room for the meat business.

Miss Amy R. Piser, assistant private secretary for Senator L. H. Ball, Washington, D. C., will spend the Easter holidays at the home of her brother, John Piser, near town.

There will be preaching to-morrow morning in the Methodist Protestant Church at 10.30 o'clock. The Rev. W. D. Linsinger will deliver his last sermon in the Conference year.

Mrs. A. D. Short president of the Mount Olivet Senior Christian Endeavor Society, will hold an ice cream festival in the P. O. S. of A. hall next Monday evening. Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. will turn out in a body, each member being requested to meet in the school building at 8 o'clock.

Messrs. Powell F. Johns and William T. Vinyard spent Thursday in Elkton.

Madam Rumor says we are to have another wedding April 6th.

Rolls of Honor

The following pupils of Warwick Public Schools have attained the average of 90 per cent. and over for the month of March:

Seventh Grade.—Edgar Bishop, 90.7; Paul Marsh, 90.6; Emma Vinyard, 90.3; Eccleston Marsh, 90.3; Ethel Vinyard, 90.3; Alban Marsh, 90.5. Fifth Grade.—Stella Bishop, 90.9; Jodie Stearns, 90.1; Katie Carroll, 90.8; Mame Merritt, 90.7; Clara Price, 90.6; Ella Lockerman, 90.1; Jesse Vinyard, 90.5; Viola Hall, 90.4; Eula Vinyard, 90.3. Fourth Grade.—Lester Bishop, 90.9; Bertha Lynch, 90.7. Third Grade.—Howard Bishop, 90.4; Rodney Price, 90.7; Francis Marsh, 90.6; Hartley Thornton, 90.4; Guy Lockerman, 90.2; William Pierce, 90.4; Mabel Scott, 90.3; Second Grade.—Miriam Linsinger, 90.3.

ODESSA

Walter and Cyrus P. Keen are Wilmington visitors.

Miss Martha Townsend is the guest of friends in Wilmington.

Miss M. Elita Rose, of Newark, is the guest of her sister, Miss Bardette Rose.

EASTER IN BUNNYVILLE

BY JESSIE JULIET KNOX

HERE were many families of rabbits living in Bunnyville, but the most beautiful ones were Mr. and Mrs. Easter and their children, for they were all pure white, with the loveliest pink eyes. The little gray rabbits did not feel at all envious of them, though, for being so beautiful, because the white rabbits were so good and kind to them all that they were glad to see them as pretty as white. There was the greatest excitement in Bunnyville to-night, for it was Easter Eve, and it had certainly been the busy day of the white rabbits. They had been laying bright eggs for a whole year, just to have enough for every child on the happy Easter-tide should come. They were only to give to the California children, though, and there were other Easter rabbits for all the other States; but for all they had to supply so many children, they did not forget every little rabbit in Bunnyville, too, and they had their Easter just before the real children did. All the dear little rabbits had to sleep that night in their cozy nests of grass moss, and had beautiful dreams of the day that was coming. They could hear the big redwood trees where they lived, but this only served to soothe them to sleep, and they were too sleepy even to notice that the papa and mamma rabbits were whispering in their peculiar rabbit way, and that the mamma slipped up to the nest and rubbed her cold nose against their cold little noses in a good-night rabbit kiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Easter and the Easter children started out as soon as they thought all the little gray rabbits would be asleep, and the dear little Easter children thought it great fun, as they had never before been allowed to accompany their parents. But they could really be such a help to them in carrying the baskets that the papa and mamma said they might go and begin to learn all about it, as they would soon be grown, and then they would have to know. The only trouble was that they were so full of rabbit giggles that they positively could not be quiet. It was such great fun, they thought. So they started out just as soon as it was real good and dark, and decided to walk through Bunnyville, as they would not need the carriage until the next night.

They had so many baskets that it would have been dreadful if they had taken a tumble, but they were very sure-footed, and so they did not fall, but crept softly on—until they came to the first home to be visited. This was Mr. and Mrs. Belgian and their two little children. They lived in a deep moss-lined hole in the ground. They peeped in, and could see the dear little Belgian twins sleeping soundly, cuddled up by their soft, warm mamma and papa, and they knew they would not hear them, so they fired a little nest of gray moss just outside the door and filed it with such teeny, weeny eggs, too small for anybody but rabbits.

Then, softly creeping on, they came next to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bunny. They were the very "first family" of Bunnyville, the oldest residents, in fact, and Bunnyville was named for them. They lived in a bundle of hay in a wild-rose bush—a very beautiful home indeed, and it would not be long before the bush would be covered with pink wild-roses. Looking around for some place to put the eggs, they discovered an empty bird's nest snugly placed on the under-bough of the bush.

This is the very thing, purred Mr. Easter. They will think the mother-bird has put them there. How pretty the vacant nest looked, so full of bright little eggs! They could not help from spreading their funny rabbit-mouths in a broad smile as they looked at it. Hearing a faint squeak come from the bundle of hay, they hurried away so fast that they almost fell over the youngest one, who was in front, but they caught themselves in time to keep from breaking the eggs.

The squeak came from the Bunny baby, who had got wet feet that day, and was threatened with croup. His mamma pulled the warm hay up closer about him, though, and cuddled him up close in her soft, furry arms, and he was soon sleeping soundly again, never dreaming of the beautiful nest of eggs perched on the boughs of his rose-tree home.

Next came Mr. and Mrs. Hare, who, you may remember, lived in the big hollow redwood tree, and had perhaps the nicest home of all. After having had such a perfectly lovely time Christmas, the Hare children felt as if they could never be surprised at anything, but they were, because this was so very different from Christmas. As they approached the tree, they could see a faint light coming from the hole which they used as a door.

Why, I wonder what is the matter! they said. Some of the children must be sick. So they tiptoed up and peeped in, but found that the light was only the glow-worm, which they always kept burning all night, as the Hare children did not like to sleep in the dark, and the glow-worm gave such a nice soft light that it did not hurt their eyes.

Papa Easter stepped on a twig at the door, and the noise awakened Mr. and Mrs. Hare, who jumped up in alarm, thinking it might be some coming after them to eat up their children; but looking up, they were delighted to see that it was only the dear Easter rabbits with their kindly faces, looking in upon them, their pretty pink eyes shining in the light from the glow-worm's lamp. As long as they were awake, they could tell them where to put the eggs. Mamma Hare had made a very beautiful basket of fern, with a border of wild violet, and in this basket the dear Easter rabbits carefully arranged the eggs. How pretty they looked with the purple violets around the top, and peeping out from the green fern nest!

Although they were enjoying the night-vision very much, yet they could not linger, but had to hurry right on and visit all the other families of rabbits who lived in the queer little village of Bunnyville. Some places they had to climb clear up to the tops of high pine trees,

and in others, go deep down into the ground. Many of the rabbits lived in wheat fields, and some under thick grape-vines, but they knew where they all lived, so they had no trouble in finding their homes.

It was almost daylight when they had given away all the eggs, and they were a little tired as they scurried home, but very happy as they sat down to their own breakfast of eggs and nice tender cabbage. They rested all day, for they had another hard night's work before them, and they must be all fresh and ready for it.

Well, night came at last, as it always does, and the little Easter children were very much excited now, for they were to travel in their beautiful carriage all night long, and carry eggs to little children all over California.

Their carriage was made out of a big Easter lily, and was drawn by four white doves, so that when they wished, they could fly over the trees and house-tops, and then come down to earth any time they were ready. It really was too bad the children could not see them, they looked so beautiful, but for some reason—perhaps the same reason that Santa Claus has, whatever that is—they never would let anybody see them, not even the papa and mamma of the children.

The white lily chariot sent great waves of delicious perfume through the cool Easter air, and made everything fresh and sweet for the little ones who were to look for eggs when the morning should come, but who were now sleeping away peacefully on their little white pillows in their nice homes.

As the rabbits came near, all the bells of the great Easter lilies began to ring musically, and all the beautiful gardens of California were peeping forth an Easter song to the rabbits. They were not loud enough for anyone but just rabbits and fairies to hear, so the children slept on and did not know anything about it. The rabbits knew, though, and thought it the most beautiful music they had ever heard.

The papa and mamma must surely have known they were coming to-night, for in almost all the gardens they had placed something for the rabbits to put the pretty eggs in. In some places, hidden among the vines, there were cunning little baskets woven out of green straw, and looking very much like bird's nests, and then there were dainty satin-lined boxes with lids, gold and silver dishes, satin bags and stockings, great nests of grass and leaves, and some beautiful nests made entirely of the petals of Easter lilies. They must have had a one bark. But then they stepped very lightly, you know, with their soft slippers of white fur.

In one beautiful garden they found a big card, and printed on it in language that rabbits could understand were the words:

"DEAR EASTER BUNNIES: Will you please hide the eggs all over the garden in all kinds of queer places, as little Florence is going to have an Easter egg-hunting party."

This was great fun for the rabbits. They all tried to see who could find the queerest places to put the eggs, so that the bright eyes of the children might have all the more fun searching for them on Easter day.

As this was the last home they had to visit, they decided to do something awfully funny—the funniest thing, in fact, that a rabbit ever did. What do you think it was? They decided to hide in the thick branches of a tree and see the party. They had never been to anything but a rabbit party, and they had a good deal of curiosity about it.

Well, they sent their carriage on home, and all perched up on the branch of a tree, snuggling up close together to keep warm, for the breeze is always cool on Easter, even in California.

It was afternoon before the children began to arrive at the party. After they had all arrived, and had been taken into the house, the rabbits heard a great rush of noisy little feet, and then ensued the awfullest scrambling they had ever heard of or seen. They thought it must be dreadful to wear such great clumsy shoes, and make such a noise with them. The soft fur shoes that rabbits wore were surely much better, and made no noise at all.

Out came the children, pell-mell, into the soft, cool air, all perfumed with the breath of the lilies. What merry laughter there was, and what pretty, mischievous faces these children had! Little Florence had given them each one a basket to put their eggs in, and at a signal from mamma, the exciting search began.

Florence found the first one, hidden in a clump of violets, and after that the fun grew fast and furious. Every time one of them found one they could not keep from giving a little squeal of delight; and the rabbits knew by the number of squeals that they were finding a great many. They were hidden in the strangest places—in the notches of trees, buried in the dirt, and fastened into grape-vines; hidden with rose-leaves, woven into thick emerald vines; tiny ones were even pushed under the big calla and Easter lilies, everywhere. It was great fun for the rabbits to watch all this, but the children clattered and squealed so they could not understand what they said.

When all the eggs had been found, and all the squeals had been squealed, the mamma came out with a big, big basket on her arm, and said:

What little girl has the most eggs? They were counted, and it was found that little Marjorie had more than any one else, so mamma opened the mysterious basket and gave her a little gold rabbit for a prize. Then the child who had the most red eggs got a silver egg full of candy, and the one with the most purple eggs got a candy hen, sitting on a nest of candy eggs.

Then came something awfully nice. A table had been placed out under the trees, and now the children were summoned to it, and had an Easter feast. There was a dear little toy rabbit at each place, and the real rabbits up in the tree just nudged each other and giggled quietly, as rabbits will, when they saw these dear little imitation rabbits. There

was a big bouquet of lilies in the center of the table, and the pink ice cream was placed in lily-shaped cups. There was a big pink hen made of ice cream, too, and the rabbits heard little Florence say: Oh, I do wish the dear Easter rabbits had some of this ice cream! Pretty soon after the meal was over the party broke up, and the table was left until almost dark. When everyone had gone into the house the rabbits thought there could be no harm, since it had been the wish of the little hostess, so they slipped down from the tree and hopped up on the table, and began to eat the things that were left. The candy was fine, and they enjoyed everything. But when they tackled the pink ice cream hen—how they did jump! It was hot, or cold, or something, and yet it was so good that they could not let it alone.

When they got through, their tiny sharp teeth were chattering, and just then they saw their carriage coming for them, and they picked up an armful of the imitation rabbits that were left over and jumped into the carriage, and away they went. They had the most wonderful tales of the Easter party to tell to the rabbits in Bunnyville, but the queerest thing they had to tell them was about the pink ice cream hen that burnt their mouths.—New Idea Magazine.

TO GREATER BALTIMORE

The entire March edition of the "Book of the Royal Blue," published by the Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, has been issued, as a memento of the disastrous fire of February 7th.

It is dedicated to the future greater Baltimore which will restore the seventy-five business blocks destroyed. A short concise story of the fire is given, followed by some thirty views of the ruins before the walls were torn down. A full page map of the city shows the location of the burned district.

The magazine is issued as a matter of history, and will be preserved as such. With very few exceptions the burned district now is but a pile of broken bricks without any semblance to buildings.

A limited edition of the popular magazine has been issued and copies may be obtained on immediate application to D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, enclosing 10 cents in postage to include the cost of mailing.

MISS TODD ALLEGES PERSECUTION

Miss Huldah B. Todd, ousted as postmistress of Greenwood on complaint of Senator James Frank Allee and other prominent Union Republicans, takes exception to the statements of the Government inspectors who made a report to Department at Washington. In their report conversations were given tending to show that Miss Todd was rather outspoken in her political opinions.

Miss Todd declares that the Government report is "falsehood and misrepresentation throughout." She vigorously denies any conversation with John F. Hayes, who was quoted by affidavit, in the government report, and declares when she asked Hayes about it he said he did not know what she was talking about, as he had made no statements to government officials.

Miss Todd says: "Different persons called on me without regard to politics, and I talked to them when I had time, but I deny that I ever did any political work for any man, party or faction, or that such work was done in the post office when I was there."

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY RECORD

The Register of Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., just issued, copies of which may be had on application, shows the attendance of 615 students from 24 States and 10 foreign countries. There are 54 in the teaching staff.

134-year courses of instruction are offered at the University: The Classical Course, the Latin-Scientific Course, the courses in Civil, Mechanical, Marine, Metallurgical, Mining, Electrical, and Chemical Engineering, Analytical Chemistry, Geology, Physics, and Electrotechnology.

A list of graduates of the University, 1904 in number during the 38 years of its existence, indicates that this institution is exerting a very marked influence on the industrial development of the United States, and also of foreign countries.

Provision is made for worthy and needy students whereby they may postpone payment of tuition until after graduation.

In the list of students New Castle County is represented by W. P. Poole, of Wilmington.

DOES NOT WANT PRESIDENCY

United States Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina was in New York Monday and was interviewed by a reporter of the New York Herald. Speaking of Judge Gray he said:

"Judge Gray would be an ideal nominee. I served with him in the United States Senate and I know him to be one of the ablest men in public life in this country. He is a man of affairs, he is conservative and he is a splendid lawyer. I had a long talk with him recently, and in the course of the conversation he said:

"Butler, you know me well enough to believe what I am going to tell you. I do not want that office—the Presidency. I have a most congenial life position, the members of my family are well provided for and I have seen and I know too much of the trials and troubles that fall to the lot of the President of the United States to want the office."

"I know that Judge Gray was sincere when he said this," continued Mr. Butler. "My personal choice for the Presidency would be either Judge Gray or Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland. I deem Senator Gorman one of the most accomplished men in public life and I have known him for many years."

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the Knights of Columbus, to be held at Washington, D. C., April 13th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Washington from all stations on its lines at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold April 11th, 12th, and 13th, and will be good for return passage until April 18th, inclusive.

A. O. U. W. FINANCES

The financial committee of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, A. O. U. W., held a meeting on Saturday afternoon, at which it was decided to levy an assessment on the membership for the month of April. The reports showed that all claims have been paid promptly and there is a balance in the treasury.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Of the 22 or more candidates for the position of deputy collector of port and customs inspector for Wilmington only six passed the required civil service examination held in Wilmington about two weeks ago. Only three are eligible to the position. Those who succeeded in passing the examination were: Daniel B. Jones, Townsend, Delaware, 88.50; Henry R. Wood, Philadelphia, 81.45; Charles Ham, No. 800 South Broome street, Wilmington, 78.35; Frederick A. Middleton, No. 622 West Sixth street, Wilmington, 73.70; John T. Ahrens, No. 2311 Market street, Wilmington, 71.80. The first three are the lucky candidates and from their number will be selected the successor to Captain Peter B. Ayers, deceased.

Daniel B. Jones is a Republican. The other Delawarean who passed the examination, Charles Ham, of Wilmington, is said to be a Democrat.

The appointment will not be announced for at least a month and in the meantime Benjamin G. Lockerman, of Townsend, will temporarily fill the position.

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